

The Watchman and Southern.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.
A DUEL WITH POTATOES.

HOW A KENTUCKY PREACHER ONCE WHIPPED A BULLY.

Rev. Bill Bowman was full of piety and piety. The Neighborhood Bully Wanted to Settle with the Preacher, and He Got the Chance.

This story is told by Dr. H. C. Morrison.

"Speaking of ministers," remarked Dr. Morrison, "reminds me of a celebrated duel that occurred in Millarstown, Grayson county, Ky., in 1843. In that case a preacher was one of the principals in an affair of honor.

"The preacher was Rev. Mr. Bowman, better known as 'Fighting Bill Bowman,' a long, raw-boned, rough-and-ready kind of man, full of piety and pugnacity.

"If another preacher got up in the pulpit and started preaching it all depended upon Bill's views on the subject as to whether he would submit to it or not.

On one occasion a brother minister tried it, and his and Bill's views differed widely on the subject.

"Here, Brother Blank," remarked Bill, "that doctrine isn't worth potatoes. Sit down and let me show you how to preach."

"In pursuance of his own ideas on the subject Bill then ascended the pulpit and fired volley after volley of orthodox Gospel at the heads of his astonished hearers.

THE CHALLENGE.

Petrie in the course of his excavations in the Fayoum. The headcase, with a thin covering of plaster over all, was soaked in water, and the papyrus of which it was composed became separated without injury to the original writing.

THE NEW SLED.

An Old Boy Tells How He, With Tom's Help, Tricked the Marshal.

A sharp, shrill whistle rang out on the still night air: a boy's call. From a neighboring house came running out in answer a second boy, hastily adjusting his coat and hat.

The thermometer was below zero; yet what does a boy care for that when he is going coasting, and on a new sled too?

"You'd better wait till you've tried it, before you brag. You'll have to look out, or Marshal Gray will get it, and then you may whistle for your fine sled."

"You know he says not a boy shall have his sled back again that he catches sliding down Union hill this winter?"

Tom had no new sled and felt sore about it, while John in the exuberance of his joy had not thought that Tom could not be as happy looking on as he is in the possession of a prize.

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